

Task Force C Meeting Summary

Friday, June 23, 2006

Task Force Participants: Kenyatta Brame – Sysco Food Services, Elaine Brown (Co-Chair) – Michigan Food and Farming Systems, Cheryl Kobernik (Co-Chair) – North Star Organics, Chris Lietzau – MI Department of Agriculture.

Additional Participants: Viki Lorraine – MSU Extension and C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Agriculture, Jill McKinney – MI Department of Corrections.

The sixth Task Force C: Promoting Michigan Foods meeting convened Friday, June 23, 2006 from 1:00 – 3:00pm, Constitution Hall in Lansing. Council Members Elaine Brown and Cheryl Kobernik co-chaired the meeting.

MFPC staff member Kristin Brooks reviewed the agenda for the meeting, and explained that the goal of this meeting was to give Task Force C participants an overview of the work of the council, and the work of the other three task forces. Ms. Brooks then presented to the task force participants information on the original executive order, and the goals contained therein. She explained how the recommendations from the council meet those goals and reviewed a chart showing those relationships. She reviewed the recommendations from the other three task forces.

Ms. Brooks then reviewed the Task Force C recommendations. They are:

- Rec. C1: Dept. of Corrections Michigan Food Purchases
- Rec. C2: Select Michigan Program
- Rec. C3: Farm-to-School
- Rec. C4: Farmers' Market Support Program

Ms. Brooks led a brief discussion of these four recommendations, and asked task force participants to rank the recommendations to help staff in determining the order in which they should be presented in the final report to the Governor. Input from task force participants not present for the meeting will be solicited via e-mail.

Finally, Ms. Brooks explained to the task force participants that how the Council and Task Forces move forward is still under discussion, but that there are important tasks the council and task forces can work on in the future and MFPC staff is working on a plan to accomplish them. She promised to keep task force participants updated on the progress of the final report and on its delivery to the Governor.

Ms. Brooks asked task force participants to complete an evaluation to assist in planning for the future of the MFPC. Input from task force participants not present for the meeting will be solicited via e-mail. This is the final meeting of Task Force C for this phase of the Michigan Food Policy Council.